

GOVERNOR FURNAS HOUSE
BROWNVILLE, NEBRASKA

Nemaha Co.

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
WM. L. STEELE, DISTRICT OFFICER
2236 ST. MARY'S AVE., OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

This is one of the homes of Governor Robert W. Furnas, who was the second Territorial Governor of Nebraska, and who died here. The house was built by Jane Cobb, who sold it to Mr. Furnas. During ~~the~~ years preceding and following the Civil War, Brownville was an important river town with a population of over 4000. It was an important trading and outfitting post and crossing, as well as port. Its setting is picturesque and in its present quiet atmosphere, there is a fascinating quaintness replete, with intriguing suggestions of civil war times. As many as 300 prairie schooners were cleared from this port in a day during the trek to and from Kansas. Hundreds of automobiles filled with interested sight-seers visit the village every weekend during the summer months and one of the most extensive units of the Missouri River control is being carried forward here.

Mr. Fred Baker has owned and occupied the property more than thirty-years. Parts of it are rented to two other tenants.

Chas. Steinbaugh